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Applicant submits the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed.

The two references cited and enclosed herein are written in the German language and no English language translations are available.

The first reference, the Kleeman article, is cited in the background of the invention of the above-captioned application on page 1, lines 30-31, and discloses methods showing how, even in difficult cases, a trachea opening might be observed and an intubation might be performed with less risk. It is stated that these methods afford an enormous effort with

respect to apparatuses and practical experience. This reference also describes the general technological background relevant to the present application and describes methods standard in the art for observing a trachea opening and performing an intubation.

The second reference, a third-party letter to the German Patent Office with respect to a related German patent application and attached drawings, discloses a laryngoscope. The letter alleges that the laryngoscope was publicly available prior to the filing date of the present application. The attached drawings do not include a publication date.

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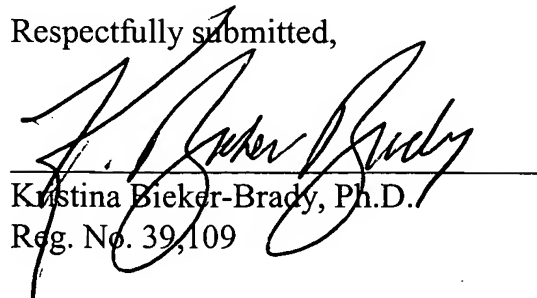
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	Kleeman, P.P., "Die Schwierige Intubation," <i>Anaesthetist</i> 45:1248-1267 (1996).					
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